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the fellowship, if required by the fellowship agreement. You must also submit copies of any publications and other products from the research, if required.

(c) EPA may require you to provide various performance reports under your fellowship, but we will not require reports more frequently than quarterly. At the end of the fellowship, you must submit a final report and other documentation, if required in the fellowship agreement.

# §46.180 Acceptance of fellowship award.

You must accept your fellowship by signing and returning the EPA award form (EPA Form 5770-8) to the EPA award official within three weeks after receipt, or within an extension of time approved by the award official. If you do not sign and return the Fellowship agreement to the award official or request an extension of the acceptance time within three calendar weeks after receiving the agreement, the award official may void the agreement. EPA will not pay for costs incurred under voided agreements.

### Subpart D—During the Fellowship

#### § 46.185 Activation notice.

- (a) Each fellowship includes a "Fellowship Activation Notice" (EPA Form 5770-7). You must complete, sign, and obtain other appropriate signatures on the Activation Notice when the program supported by the fellowship agreement begins. In certain instances, *e.g.*, if your program of study is at an EPA facility, the EPA project officer may sign as sponsor on the Activation Notice. You must submit the Activation Notice to the award official.
- (b) If you do not submit the Activation Notice (EPA Form 5770-7) within 90 days after the date of the award, the award official may initiate action to terminate the fellowship agreement in accordance with § 46.210.

## § 46.190 Fellowship agreement amendments.

(a) If you need to make any of the changes listed in paragraphs (a)(1) thorough (3) of this section, you must notify the project officer and receive a

formal amendment (EPA Form 5770-8) approving the changes. You must sign and return one copy of each amendment to the award official. If you make the change before you receive the amendment, you do so at your own risk. Changes that require formal amendments are:

- (1) A change in the amount of the fellowship;
- (2) A change in the academic institution you attend; or
- (3) A change in the duration of your fellowship.
- (b) You must obtain the EPA project officer's written approval of changes in the field of study or approved research project.
- (c) You do not need EPA approval of minor changes that are consistent with the objective of the fellowship agreement. Minor changes do not, however, obligate EPA to provide additional funds for any costs you incur in excess of the fellowship agreement amount.

#### § 46.195 Project period.

Based on the "Date Fellow Will Enter on Duty" which you enter on the Activation Notice (see §46.185(a)), EPA will establish the project period for the fellowship. If you incur costs before the date of the fellowship award, the date on the Activation Notice must reflect that fact (see also §46.170(b)).

### § 46.200 Payment.

EPA will not make payments under a fellowship agreement until the award official receives the signed "Fellowship Activation Notice" (EPA Form 5770-7) as required by §46.185. Unless the fellowship provides another payment process, EPA makes payments as follows:

- (a) EPA pays tuition and fees directly to the educational institution.
- (b) EPA pays any stipend directly to you on a monthly or other basis approved by the project officer and included in the fellowship agreement.
- (c) EPA pays any book or other expense allowance to you or to the educational institution, as specified in the fellowship agreement. If EPA pays your expense allowance to the educational institution, the institution may deduct not more than two percent